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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
10 THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES
16 CORPORATION, and the
17 COMMONWEALTH OF THE
18 NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS,

19 Defendants.
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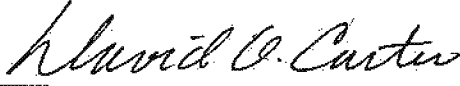
Case No. 08-cv-0051

**ORDER RE: JANUARY 2018
STATUS CONFERENCE**

1 The Court scheduled a Status Conference with the parties in this case to
2 take place in Saipan the week of January 29, 2018. This Status Conference is
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4 vital to ensuring that progress continues to be made in addressing the important
5 issues raised by this case. The Status Conference can only be successful and
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7 helpful to the Court if all parties and key stakeholders are present. Accordingly,
8 the Court ORDERS all parties—including federal government employees Janet
9 Magnuson, Brad O'Brien, John Tinger, and Russell Mechem—to continue
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11 necessary preparations for, and to attend, the Status Conference as planned,
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13 irrespective of any government shutdown. This includes any of the above-named
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15 employees' plans to travel to Saipan ahead of the Status Conference to prepare
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17 for the Conference.

18 **SO ORDERED.**

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20 Dated: January 19, 2018

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22 The Honorable David O. Carter
23 United States District Judge
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